



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 22 September 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.19pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 September 2008]
- ❑ Urgent Relief for Single Age Pensioners Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—second reading further [debated](#) and agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—3 Opposition [requests for amendments](#) to be determined

The following private senator's bill was passed

- ❑ Urgent Relief for Single Age Pensioners Bill 2008—a motion to give the bill precedence over government business was [debated](#), [amended](#) and agreed to and the bill passed through all stages [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2008—notice given by Senator Siewert

To vary the days and hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) to vary the days and hours of meeting for the remainder of the week to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 23 September 2008 from 4.00pm for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the following reporting dates of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee:

- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 and the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008—to report by 8 October 2008
- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]—to report by 14 October 2008

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline:

- Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia—Economics Committee—to report by 13 November 2008

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- Economics Committee—23 September 2008 from 6.00pm—Australia's space science and industry sector
- Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—24 September 2008 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm—Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—24 September 2006 from 3.30pm—Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008 and 2 related bills

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Siewert as a member of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee.

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Notice of intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of her intention to withdraw notices to disallow [4 instruments](#).

Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled [see Journals entries nos [15](#) and [18](#)] [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Document tabled

- Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the National Portrait Gallery forecourt sculpture. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.

Ministerial statements tabled

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) tabled ministerial statements about:

- Global economic turbulence
- Mortimer Review on export policies and programs

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)
[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Bernardi about the Australian Paralympics team.

Shadow Ministry

Senator Minchin informed the Senate of changes to the [Shadow Ministry](#).

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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